

RESOLUTION NO. 84

WHEREAS the City Council believes that the keeping on certain private property in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, of vehicles whose condition is such that it is economically impractical to make them operative (inoperative vehicles), constitutes a nuisance, is detrimental to the public safety, health and welfare and has become a problem of considerable magnitude; and

WHEREAS Section 15.1-11.1 of the Code of Virginia presently authorizes the passage of ordinances that would restrict the keeping of inoperative automobiles on certain private property; and

WHEREAS the City Council is of the opinion that Section 15.1-11.1 should be clarified so that it would without question apply to all motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers; and

WHEREAS the City Council is also of the opinion that Section 15.1-11.1 should be amended so that localities would without question have the authority to provide, by ordinance, for the removal and disposal of inoperative motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers from property when owners of the premises fail to do so; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That the Alexandria delegation to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia be and the same hereby is requested to introduce and support legislation at the current session, the sense of which legislation would be to amend Section 15.1-11.1 of the Code of Virginia so that (a) it would apply to inoperative motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers, (b) localities could, by ordinance, provide for the removal of inoperative motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers from certain private property when owners of the premises fail to do so, (c) localities could dispose of such inoperative motor vehicles, trailers, and semitrailers, and (d) costs and expenses of such removal and disposal could be charged to and collected from the owner of the vehicle or premises, provided that if the owner of the premises is charged, such charge would become a lien against the property from which the vehicle was removed in the event of non-payment.
2. That the city attorney be and he hereby is authorized and requested to draft a bill following the proposals contained in this resolution and forward it to the Alexandria delegation in Richmond.
3. That the City Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to send forthwith true copies of this resolution to the members of the Alexandria delegation to the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Adopted January 25, 1972

Mrs. Helen Vickers, City Clerk and
Clerk of Council